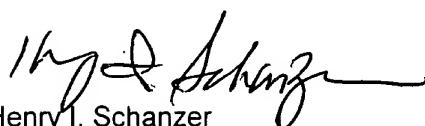


As per a telephone conversation held between Applicants' attorney and the Examiner on 1/23/03, a new Office Action will be issued to replace the Office Action dated 12/19/02. The Office Action of 12/19/02 refers to claims which are not present in the subject application. Apparently, there may have been some confusion between this application (which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/190,760 which issued as Pat. No. 6,193,156) and the parent case.

The subject application was filed with 31 claims, 20 pages of drawings, and a specification of 29 pages. This had been communicated to the Examiner in June of 2002. Note also that the subject application was published 8/2/01 bearing Publication No. US-2001-001033-A1.

Accordingly this response is deemed to be fully responsive to the Office Action of 12/19/02.

Respectfully Submitted



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